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D. USNATO 5032

SUMMARY: AT SEPTEMBER 26, MEETING, COEC CONSIDERED A FRENCH AMENDMENT TO THE DRAFT REPORT ON MACHINERY FOR POLITICO-MILITARY ASSESSMENTS. MISSION HAS NO OBJECTION TO THIS AMENDMENT AND, UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED, WILL APPROVE THE CORRIGENDUM TO C-M(74) 52 BY THE SILENCE PROCEDURE. DURING DISCUSSION ON PLANNING FOR WINTEX 75, THE NETHERLANDS REP WAS WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS ON DPC PARTICIPATION. SACLANT REQUESTED NOT BE CONSTRAINED TO ONE NUCLEAR WEAPON RELEASE REQUEST. ON THE COMPOSITION AND LOCATION OF A RESPONSE CELL SIMULATING DPC/MC PLAY, THE MAJORITY FAVORED A RESPONSE CELL COMPOSED OF MEMBERS OF THE
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INTERNATIONAL STAFF OPERATING FROM NATO HQ. ACTION REQUIRED.
WASHINGTON GUIDANCE ON WINTEX 75 PROPOSALS BY COB OCTOBER 5.
END SUMMARY.

1. COEC CONSIDERED TWO MODIFICATIONS TO THE FINAL REPORT TO THE COUNCIL ON THE ARRANGEMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR THE PRODUCTION OF POLITICO-MILITARY ASSESSMENTS IN TIMES OF CRISIS AND TENSION, C-M(74)52. COEC DID NOT APPROVE THE FRG AMENDMENT (REF. A-B) WHICH WOULD HAVE REQUIRED TWO MORE COMMITTEES TO REVIEWS ASSESSMENTS PRODUCED BY THE CRISIS ASSESSMENT GROUP.

COEC AGREED TO A FRENCH REQUEST TO ADD THE FOLLOWING TO THE END OF PARA 19(B); "IN SO FAR AS IT IS A QUESTION LINKED WITH THE COMMON INTERESTS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE, AS INDICATED IN PARA QQ OF THE OTTAWA DECLARATION."

MISSION HAS NO OBJECTION TO THIS AMENDMENT AND, UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED, WILL APPROVE THE CORRIGENDUM TO C-M(74)52 BY THE SILENCE PROCEDURE.

2. COEC DISCUSSIONS ON WINTEX 75 CENTERED ON DPC PARTICIPATION, NUCLEAR WEAPONS RELEASE REQUESTS, AND THE LOCATION AND COMPOSITION OF A RESPONSE CELL. THE NETHERLANDS REP (HOFMAN) INFORMED COEC THAT HE WAS WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS ON WINTEX 75 MATTERS BECAUSE (HOFMAN'S OPINION) HIS AUTHORITIES CONSIDERED DPC PARTICIPATION IN WINTEX 75 AS A QUOTE HIGHLY INFLAMMABLE POLITICAL ISSUE UNQUOTE. HOFMAN STATED THAT A HIGH-LEVEL MEETING WOULD TAKE PLACE ON OCTOBER 11, TO DECIDE ON THE NETHERLANDS' POSITION.

IN VIEW OF THIS DELAY, SHAPE RE EMPHASIZED THE DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED IN CHANGING WINTEX 75 ORDERS TO SUBORDINATE COMMANDERS AND REQUESTED A FINAL COEC WINTEX 75 REPORT BY OCTOBER 26.

3. AT THE LAST COEC MEETING (REF C), SACLAN REP STATED A REQUIREMENT FOR ONE NUCLEAR WEAPONS RELEASE REQUEST. IN THE MEANTIME, SACLAN HAS CHANGED PLANS AND NOW REQUESTS THAT HE NO LONGER BE LIMITED TO A SPECIFIC NUMBER OF REQUESTS.

4. COEC DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING THREE OPTIONS PROPOSED BY THE CHAIRMAN ON THE COMPOSITION AND LOCATION OF A NATO HQ RESPONSE CELL (REF D).

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- A. A RESPONSE CELL COMPOSED OF MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF OPERATING FROM THE NATO HEADQUARTERS;
- B. A RESPONSE CELL COMPOSED OF MILITARY PERSONNEL OPERATING EITHER FROM THE NATO HEADQUARTERS OR FROM SHAPE;
- C. A JOINT REPRESENTATIVE CELL COMPOSED OF MEMBERS OF DELEGATIONS AND OF MILITARY REPS STAFFS WHICH WOULD PLAY THE DPC/MC.

5. MOST OF THE SMALLER COUNTRIES FAVOR OPTION A BECAUSE THE LIMITED STAFF AND EXPERTISE AVAILABLE AT THEIR DELEGATIONS PROHIBITED CONTINUOUS OPERATION OF A JOINT RESPONSE CELL FOR EXTENDED PERIODS. THE MC, IMS AND SHAPE REPS FAVOR OPTION A BECAUSE A DIRECTING STAFF TYPE RESPONSE CELL PROVIDES THE TIMELY, PRESTRUCTURED RESPONSES REQUIRED FOR A SCENARIO-TYPE EXERCISE.

L FURTHERMORE, THEYPOINTED OUT THAT A JOINT RESPONSE CELL COULD NOT KEEP PACE WITH THE WINTEX 75 SCENARIO BECAUSE OF THE SLOWER DECISION-MAKING PROCESS INVOLVED IN HAVING NATIONAL REPS GOING BACK TO CAPITALS FOR INSTRUCTIONS. FURTHER, IS CANNOT PROVIDE THE NECESSARY STAFFF TO SUPPORT A JOINT RESPONSE CELL. THE NETHERLANDS REP FAVORED OPTION B. THE US, UK AND FRG STRESSED THE DESIRABILITY OF A JOINT RESPONSE CELL (OPTION C). IN VIEW OF THE LACK OF IS STAFF SUPPORT AND THE INABILITY OF A REPRESENTATIVE CELL TO PROVIDE RESPONSES IN KEEPING WITH THE MILITARY SCENARIO, MISSION RECOMMENDS ACCEPTANCE OF OPTION A.

6. NEXT COEC MEETING IS PLANNED FOR OCTOBER 8. MCAULIFFE

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